

grouping, which is a basis of the seating information, applied to the information sent from the other communication devices is output to the user in the information manipulation and distribution step.

55. A communication method according to Claim 54, wherein the indication information is background image information obtained when the information sent from the other communication devices is output.

56. A communication method according to Claim 55, wherein the background image information is generated such that information belonging to the same group has the same background color.

57. A communication method according to Claim 49, wherein, in the attention-degree-information generating step, the attention-degree information is generated according to user-behavior detection information or information specified by the user.

58. A communication method according to Claim 57, wherein the user-behavior detection information includes user-sight-line detection information.

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59. A communication method according to Claim 57, wherein the user-behavior detection information includes user-face-direction detection information.

60. A group-determination-table generating method for a group-determination-table generating device for generating a group determination table used for grouping information sent from each communication device according to the degree of attention of the user of each communication device in a communication system having at least three communication devices, comprising:

a statistics step of reading attention-degree patterns indicating the degree of attention which the user of each communication device pays to information sent from other communication devices and group structure patterns indicating the group state of each user, and of collecting statistics on the attention-degree patterns and the group structure patterns;

a determination step of determining the correspondence between each attention-degree pattern and one of the group structure patterns from the statistics obtained in the statistics step; and

a determination-table generating step of generating a group determination table indicating attention-degree patterns and group structure patterns for which the

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correspondence is determined in the determination step.

61. A group-determination-table generating method according to Claim 60,

wherein, in the statistics step, statistics is collected by regarding a plurality of attention-degree patterns substantially the same as one representative attention-degree pattern; and

in the determination step, the representative group pattern corresponding to the representative attention-degree pattern is determined, and then, according to the determination, the correspondence between each attention-degree pattern and one of the group structure patterns is determined.

62. A recording medium for storing a processing program related to seating information for information sent from each communication device in a communication system having at least three communication devices, the processing program comprising:

a seating-order generating step of generating seating-order information at each point of time for information sent from each communication device; and

a transmitting step of sequentially transmitting the seating-order information generated in the seating-order